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## Bird Flu in Asia

In a news release on February 2, 2004 the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations estimated more than 45 million birds had been culled due to avian influenza, excluding China. Asia has an estimated chicken population of 7 billion birds.

Indonesia says Newcastle accounted for 60 percent of the loss, and a combination of avian influenza and Newcastle accounted for 40 percent of the loss.

*Country	*Virus Type	Bird Deaths (in millions)	Inventory (in millions)
Korea	H5N1	2.5	115
Vietnam	H5N1	8	232
Japan	H5N1	.034	283
Taipei, China	H2N2(low path)	.055	134
Thailand	H5N1	25.9	150
Hong Kong	H5N1	1 falcon	
Laos	H5	.003	15.9
Pakistan	H7	4	157
China (Republic)	H5N1		4,662
Indonesia	H5N1	4.7	900
Cambodia	H5N1	.003	23.2

\*OIE (World Organization for Animal Health)

Poultry in country and bird deaths are estimates from various news wires

Source: OIE/WHO/FAO/Various News Wires

## Avian Influenza in Thailand

	Broiler	Layer	Other	*Total
Farms	1,411	374	531	6,800
Birds Susceptible	3,011,011	4,047,667	2,022,409	10,712,615
Birds Destroyed	850,211	2,472,566	2,361,766	10,195,137

\*Some provinces only reported totals

<http://www.oie.int/download/AVIAN%20INFLUENZA/thailand%20follow%20up.pdf>

## International Meeting on Avian Influenza in Asia

An international meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand January 28, 2004 addressed the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Asia. Agriculture and health officials from 13 countries/economies and experts from the World Organization on Animal Health (OIE), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) attended the closed door meeting.

WHO experts stressed that mass slaughter of infected birds is a key for controlling the epidemic's spread. Participants pledged to increase surveillance, set up a regional veterinary network, develop low cost tests, and to use vaccination and antiviral drugs. An FAO spokesman noted the need to modernize poultry farming and to restrict live animal markets.

A joint statement issued at the end of the meeting said culling of infected animals was the most effective method to contain the virus. The statement was endorsed by public health and agriculture ministers

from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, the United States, and Vietnam, and representatives of the OIE, WHO, and the FAO.

Source: Various News Wires

## Countries Standing to Gain

In light of the health outbreaks of mad cow disease and avian influenza, many Asian and Middle Eastern countries are looking abroad to fill their meat needs and numerous others are jumping at the opportunity. A few such countries are Brazil, India, and Australia.

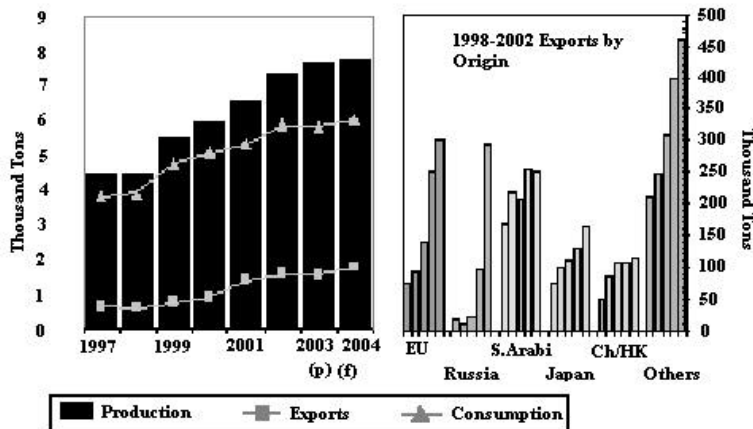
Brazil recently sent a delegation of government officials and private-sector leaders to Japan to discuss possible trading with the emphasis on the safety of Brazil's products. The group expounded upon measures such as intensified controls at airports, ports, and baggage, as well as the enforced limiting of visitors to local poultry farms. The group will also visit South Korea and Taiwan.

Japan, like many other Asian countries, is suffering a meat shortage as it has placed bans on its' number 1 and 3 poultry importers, Thailand and China respectively, as well as on one of its' top two beef importers, the U.S. The country has lost more than 25% of its' domestic beef demand and 17% of its' domestic chicken demand. Demand for Brazilian chicken is rising and dragging prices with it as was seen in Japan over the course of past week at a 44.7% increase.

All in all Brazil's exports are expected to rise 10% in 2004 from a record 1.92 million tons last year, growing to U.S.\$5.5 billion. In 2003, Brazil exported 1.9 billion tons of chicken valued at U.S.\$1.8 billion to 120 countries including: Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Lebanon, Lithuania, Bosnia, Hungary, Canada, Venezuela, Cuba, and many more. Members of Brazil's delegation stated last week in its' meetings with Japan that Brazil is prepared to increase its' exports of both chicken and beef, but neglected to give a specific figure.

Source: Various News Wires

## Brazil Continues to Expand Production Through 2004 Fueled By Strong Domestic and Foreign Demand



Source: USDA FAS/USDA FAO

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending January 24, 2004	Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002
LIQUID	293	268
FROZEN	0	0
DRIED	9	0
TOTAL	302	268

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending January 24, 2004	Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002
LIQUID	225	182
FROZEN	0	43
DRIED	195	0
TOTAL	420	225

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending January 24, 2004	Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002
JUMBO	0	0
EXTRA LARGE	0	0
LARGE	0	0
MEDIUM	0	0
UNGRADED	0	0
MISC	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding+.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-JAN-2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	10.00-16.00	3,086,000	808,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.71	11.81		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 24-Jan-04

(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,429	1,228	2,657
LAST WEEK	1,526	1,278	2,804
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,746	1,292	3,038
TO-DATE/2004	4,213	3,818	8,031
TO-DATE/2003	4,323	4,210	8,533

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	309	18	327
LAST WEEK	346	0	346
SAME WEEK YR AGO	416	0	416
TO-DATE/2004	998	18	1,016
TO-DATE/2003	1,191	15	1,206

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,738	1,246	2,984
LAST WEEK	1,872	1,278	3,150
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,162	1,292	3,454
TO-DATE/2004	5,211	3,836	9,047
TO-DATE/2003	5,514	4,225	9,739

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-JAN-2004				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-17.50	15.00	1,416,000	988,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.26	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-19.00	12.50-13.50	1,574,000	494,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.95	12.91		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 JANUARY 2004.**

Trade sentiment on tom bulk parts was steady to firm with necks and drums strongest and less weakness being noted on tom 2-joint wings. Demand fair to good with necks and drums the most sought after and increased inquiry being noted on full-cut and 2-joint wings. Offerings of tom drums and necks were light at best and held with confidence, tom full-cut wings were less readily available and tom 2-joint wings were being held with increased confidence. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady with only light interest noted. Offerings light to mostly adequate. Trading light on all items. Frozen tom breast meat to be produced traded at 152 cents delivered for current domestic shipments, plant grade basted 20-22 lb. breasts 115, fresh wing meat 72 and fresh ground breast trim 82 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00-47.00		46.13	92	44.23	412
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.50		36.50	40	36.17	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00-79.00		77.87	184	78.44	1,020

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	45.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00		36.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	208

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00		45.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.50-82.00		77.39	248

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	41.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00-86.00		82.04	184

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.50		41.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00-79.00		77.41	196

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.